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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer and former small business owner that highly values broadband competition. We use a small local carrier at our home to support a hometown business and enjoy the level of customer focus and support they provide. In addition, this allows us to invest in our community and work with a company that shares our values.

While operating an independent consulting business, the availability of a lower cost option was important to the viability of my venture. In addition, having to compete myself in the areas of expertise, price and customer service gave me greater appreciation of seeing this across industries to drive innovation and customer support.

Please do all you can to support competition between broadband providers by rejecting the petition recently submitted by the US Telecom Association.

Thank you for your consideration.

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